

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and previous versions, of the claims pending in the application. Text that is added is shown using underlining and text that is deleted is shown using double brackets or strikethrough.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of an edible sugary solution containing floral material of decorative flowers, consisting in the following steps:
 - a. harvesting fresh floral material cultivated with cultivation techniques suitable for the production of material that can be intended for human nutrition;
 - b. fragmenting said floral material and introducing it in an edible sugary solution;
 - c. pasteurising said solution by heating said solution for a period of time ranging from 10 to 20 min at a temperature ranging from about 70 °C to about 90 °C and rapidly cooling said solution at a temperature ranging from about 10 °C to about 0 °C.
2. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the floral material harvested in step a. is cultivated with organic farming techniques.
3. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein the floral material harvested in step a. is cultivated with techniques useful in the horticultural field.
4. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said floral material is harvested when the first petals are completely extended and the full unfolding of the blossom begins.
5. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said floral material is harvested at full unfolding of the flowers and the petals first unfolded are discarded prior to proceeding with step b.
6. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein said floral material is harvested in late spring or early autumn.

7. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said floral material comprises tips or petals or whole flowers or flower parts.

8. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein in said sugary solution there are added, in step b., one or more aromas, natural and/or non-natural.

9. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein said pasteurising is carried out by heating for a time of about 15 min at a temperature of about 80 °C and cooling at a temperature of about 4 °C.

10. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, comprising, after step c. a further step d. of processing said solution, in case together with further ingredients, to obtain confectionery products.

11. (Original) The process according to claim 10, wherein said ingredients comprise food preservatives and, optionally, one or more aromas natural and/or non-natural.

12. (Currently amended) The edible sugary solution containing floral material obtainable with the process of the ~~claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1.

Claims 13-16. Canceled.

17. (New) A confectionery product obtained according to the process of claim 10.

18. (New) The product of claim 17, in which the product is a jelly, a candy or toffee, a lollipop, a jam, a marmalade, a chocolate, a biscuit, a wafer, a snack, a sweet, a candy grain for a cake, an ice cream, a water ice, a sorbet, a pudding, a cream, a candy floss, a liquorice, a chewing gum, a syrup for a beverage, a beverage, a yoghurts, a milk-based product, or a fresh or seasoned cheese.

19. (New) A confectionery product containing floral material comprising the edible sugary solution of claim 12, optionally in conjunction with one or more aromas, natural and/or non-natural, food ingredients and excipients.

20. (New) The product according to claim 19, in which the product is a jelly, a candy or toffee, a lollipop, a jam, a marmalade, a chocolate, a biscuit, a wafer, a snack, a sweet, a candy grain for a cake, an ice cream, a water ice, a sorbet, a pudding, a cream, a candy floss, a liquorice, a chewing gum, a syrup for a beverage, a beverage, a yoghurts, a milk-based product, or a fresh or seasoned cheese.